GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services - Departmental Proceedings against Sri P.V.S.N. Murthy, VRO, Anthakapalli, O/o. Tahsildar, Sabbavaram Mandal, Visakhapatnam District - Violation of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964 – Departmental proceedings under rule 20 of A.P.C.S. (CC & A) Rules, 1991 - Articles of charges – Issued.

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REVENUE (VIGILANCE.III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 386 **Dated: 01-07-2021.**

Read:-

G.O.Ms.No.153, Revenue (Vig.III) Department, Dt:01.07.2021

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ORDER:

It is proposed to hold an enquiry against Sri P.V.S.N. Murthy, VRO, Anthakapalli, O/o. Tahsildar, Sabbavaram Mandal, Visakhapatnam District in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in respect of which the enquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of Articles of charges (Annexure—I). A statement of imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in support of each article of charge is enclosed (Annexure-II). A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom, the articles of charges are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure – III & IV).

3. Sri P.V.S.N. Murthy, VRO, Anthakapalli, O/o. Tahsildar, Sabbavaram Mandal, Visakhapatnam District is directed to submit, within 10 days of the receipt of this order, a written statement of his defense.

4. Sri P.V.S.N. Murthy, VRO, Anthakapalli, O/o. Tahsildar, Sabbavaram Mandal, Visakhapatnam District is informed that an enquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charges as are not admitted. He should therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Sri P.V.S.N. Murthy, VRO, Anthakapalli, O/o. Tahsildar, Sabbavaram Mandal, Visakhapatnam District is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defense on or before the date specified in Para—3 above, further action will be processed based on the material available.

6. Attention of Sri P.V.S.N. Murthy, VRO, Anthakapalli, O/o. Tahsildar, Sabbavaram Mandal, Visakhapatnam District is invited to Rule 24 of A.P.C.S (Conduct) Rules 1964, under which no Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interests in respect of matters pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt with in these proceedings it will be presumed that Sri P.V.S.N. Murthy, VRO, Anthakapalli, O/o. Tahsildar, Sabbavaram Mandal, Visakhapatnam District is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)
V. USHARANI,
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri P.V.S.N. Murthy, VRO, Anthakapalli, O/o. Tahsildar, Sabbavaram Mandal, Visakhapatnam District through the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Vijayawada.

Copy to:
The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Vijayawada.
The Collector & District Magistrate, Visakhapatnam.
Sf/Sc.

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ANNEXURE – I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI P.V.S.N. MURTHY, S/o. SRI VENKATA SUBBA RAO, VILLAGE REVENUE OFFICER, ANTHAKAPALLI O/o. TAHSILDAR, SABBAVARAM MANDAL VISAKHAPATNAM DISTRICT

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That Sri P.V.S.N. Murthy, S/o. Sri Venkata Subba Rao joined in Revenue Department on 30.5.2008 as Village Revenue Officer and worked at offices of the Tahsildar, Sabbavaram, Nathavaram Mandal and while working as Village Revenue Officer, Anthakapalli village, office of the Tahsildar, Sabbavaram Mandal, Visakhapatnam from 12.7.2019 to 24-01-2020, he had committed grave misconduct in as much as:

CHARGE:

That Sri P.V.S.N. Murthy while functioning as Village Revenue Officer, Anthakapalli has failed to conduct enquiry with regard to applications of Sri Gandi Maheswara Rao of Anthakapalli Village vide application No. RMU011902476124 and Sri Sabbavarapu Narasimha Murthy of Anthakapalli village vide application No.RMU011902389864 and NMU011903372057 and submit his reports and failed to inform the reasons for rejection of their application. He also failed to respond properly to the applicant namely Sri Kodukotla Ramana who approached for his grievance.

Thus, Sri P.V.S.N. Murthy, S/o. Sri Venkata Subba Rao, while working as Village Revenue Officer, Anthakapalli village, office of the Tahsildar, Sabbavaram Mandal, Visakhapatnam district by his above mentioned acts has exhibited lack of integrity, devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of a member of service and thereby violated Rule 3 (1) and (2) of APCS (Conduct) Rules 1964.

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ANNEXURE –II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATIONS OF MISCONDUCT OR MISBEHAVIOUR IN SUPPORT OF ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI P.V.S.N. MURTHY, S/o. VENKATA SUBBA RAO, VILLAGE REVENUE OFFICER, ANTHAKAPALLI VILLAGE, O/o. TAHSILDAR, SABBAVARAM MANDAL VISAKHAPATNAM DISTRICT

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Sri P.V.S.N. Murthy, S/o. Sri Venkata Subba Rao is a native of Cheedikada Mandal, Visakhapatnam district. His date of birth is 01-08-1967. He entered into Government service as Village Revenue Officer and worked at offices of Tahsildar, Sabbavaram, Nathavaram Mandal and posted as Village Revenue Officer, Anthakapalli village, office of the Tahsildar, Sabbavaram Mandal, Visakhapatnam district. He is drawing basic pay of Rs.22,460/- in the time scale of pay Rs.16,460/- - 49,870/-. He is due to retire from service on attaining the age of superannuation on 31.07.2027. He is herein after referred to as Government Servant (G.S.).

CHARGE:

That the Government servant has failed to conduct enquiry with regard to applications of Sri Gandi Maheswara Rao of Anthakapalli Village vide application No. RMU011902476124 and Sri Sabbavarapu Narasimha Murthy of Anthakapalli village vide application No.RMU011902389864 and NMU011903372057 and submit his report and failed to inform the reasons for rejection of their application. He also failed to respond properly to the applicant namely Sri Kodukotla Ramana who approached for his grievance.

Facts and Evidence:

On credible information that the staff of Tahsildar office, Sabbavaram are indulging in irregular practices by abusing their official position, the ACB staff conducted surprise check on the office of Tahsildar, Sabbavaram, Visakhapatnam district from 11.45 hours to 23.00 hours on 24.01.2020.

During surprise check, the DSP, ACB, Visakhapatnam secured the presence of Sri Patchipala Polaraju s/o late Appa Rao, 45 yrs., Deputy Tahsildar (Inam) from O/o Revenue Divisional Office, Visakhapatnam to assist the ACB officials in verification of the documents and then the ACB officials logged into Dash Board of Mee-Seva with the help of Dy. Tahsildar user ID and Password with the assistance of computer knowledge PC 1310 and found applications received by Tahsildar Sabbavaram from 01.07.2019 to 23.01.2020 and downloaded through dashboard containing 165 sheets and seized the same by making them in to a made up file.

On perusal of the made up file, it is observed that the Government Servant has rejected 4,850 applications out of 13,812 applications received for various services from 01.07.2019 to 23.01.2020, 317 are pending within SLA and 218 are pending beyond SLA. Out of 4850 rejected applications, 2469 applications i.e. more than 50% were relating to mutation of land and issuance of PP book. During the period they have received 3696 applications for mutation, out of which they have rejected 2469 applications i.e. more than 2/3rd of the applications. Out of 4,850 rejected applications, only 524 applications were found in the office of Tahsildar, Sabbavaram Mandal, Visakhapatnam at the time of surprise check and rest of them are not available.

Out of 4,850 rejected applications, the Tahsildar, Sabbavaram furnished 318 rejected applications through her letter Rc.No.14/2019/SA dated 03.02.2020 & 563 rejected applications on 28.04.2020 without covering letter including 524 rejected applications found at the time of surprise check. Out of which, some applications are randomly verified, and the details are as follows.

Sl.No.	Transaction id	Name of the applicant	Date of application
1.	RMU011902476124	Gandi Maheswara Rao	22.07.2019
2.	RAMU011902389864	Sabbavarapu Narasimha Murthy	10.07.2019
3.	NMU011903372057	Sabbavarapu Narasimha Murthy	19.11.2019
4.	RMU011902927918	Alla Kannam Naidu	09.09.2019
5.	RMU011903552739	Balireddy Rama Rao	23.11.2019
6.	RMU011903266452	Resupudi Laxmana Rao	22.10.2019
7.	RMU011903676543	Pediredla Ramesh	14.12.2019

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8.	RMU011903672987	Bagavalli Divyateja	13.12.2019
9.	RMU011903445635	Reesu Gangunaidu	09.11.2019
10.	RMU011903464672	Reesu Manikyam	12.11.2019
11.	RMU011902548668	Bodithaboyina Paradesi	
12.	RMU011902547025	Dasari Ramana	30.07.2019
13.	RMU011902516534	Botta Raj Kumar	26.07.2019

Out of applications, 3 applications i.e. Sl.No.1, 2 and 3 of the above table are falls under the jurisdiction of Government servant.

The applicants were examined with regard to reasons for rejection of their applications without any verification by the officials of Tahsildar Office, Sabbavaram.

1. Sri Gandi Maheswara Rao, S/o China Satyam, R/o D.No.3-48, Gallepalli Village, of Anthakapalli Village, Sabbavaram Mandal, Visakhpatnam Dist.
2. Sri Sabbavarapu Narasimha Murthy, S/o. China Demudu, Resident of D.No.2-170, Anathakapalli Village, Sabbavaram Mandal, Visakhapatnam district.

On their examination, they categorically stated that, they have applied for mutation and for issuance of pattadar pass books for their respective lands to the Tahsildar Office, Sabbavaram and they have submitted all the required documents. Later they came to know that their applications were rejected by the officials of Tahasildar, Sabbavaram. When they approached the Tahsildar office officials, they informed them to apply again for mutation and issuance of pass books. Their on-line mutation work is still pending in the Tahsildar Office, Sabbavaram. The officials of Tahsildar office did not give endorsement with regard to their applications.

On examination, Sri Patchipala Polaraju, S/o. late Appa Rao, 45 yrs., Deputy Tahsildar (Inam) O/o. Revenue Divisional Office, Visakhapatnam stated that the reasons for rejecting the applications were not mentioned in the Mee-seva portal as well as in the remarks column of dash board for the mutation applications whereas the reasons are noted for the certificates. The applicants are not being informed about the reasons for rejecting their applications. On perusal of the aforesaid 13 rejected applications, no acknowledgement of the applicant was found.

During surprise check 7 persons namely (i) Sri Balireddy Eswara Rao, S/o. Late Ramulu, 42 yrs, Farmer/Cooli R/o. D.No.1-84, Iruvada Village, Sabbavaram Mandal, Visakhapatnam, (ii) Smt. Pithana Paidamma, W/o Late Dalappudu, 70 yrs, Farmer, Iruvada Colony, Iruvada Village, Sabbavaram Mandal, Visakhapatnam, (iii) Sri Galla Appa Rao, S/o. Kanna Babu, 40 yrs, Van Driver R/o D.No. 1-94, Iruvada Village, Sabbavaram Mandal, Visakhapatnam, (iv) Sri Balireddy Suresh s/o Pentayya, 33 yr, Private Electrician, Iruvada Village, Sabbavaram Mandal, Visakhapatnam District, (v) Sri Vodaboina Ramana, S/o. Ramulu, 46 yrs., farmer, Reporters Veedhi, Pendurthy, Visakhapatnam District (land at Chintagatla Agraharam), (vi) Sri Kodukotla Ramana, S/o. late Jogulu, 49 yrs., farmer, Native of Gopalanagar, Sabbavaram, Visakhapatnam District and (vii) Smt. Saragadam Lakshmi, W/o. Nooka Raju, 35 yrs., Nallaregulapalem Village, Sabbavaram Mandal, Visakhapatnam District were examined, they stated categorically that they have submitted applications for mutation of the lands a number of times and their applications were rejected without furnishing the reasons for their rejection and when they approach the Tahsildar, RI and VROs they are not responding.

Out of 7 persons, one person (i.e. Sl.No.(vi)) belongs to Anthakapalli Village which comes under the jurisdiction of the Government servant.

As per G.O.Ms.No.415 (Rev.(Ser-III) Department, Dt.26.09.2019 of Government of Andhra Pradesh, the Village Revenue Officer (Grade-I & Grade – II) is responsible for enquire into the applications and submit his/her report to the competent authority but most of the applications were rejected without conducting any enquiry.

Therefore, Sri P.V.S.N. Murthy, Village Revenue Officer, Anthakapalli village, office of the Tahsildar, Sabbavaram Mandal, Visakhapatnam district has failed to conduct field enquiry and submit his report and also failed to respond properly to the applicants who approached for his grievance and failed to inform the reasons for rejection of their application.

Thus, the Government Servant Sri P.V.S.N. Murthy, while working as Village Revenue Office, Anthakapalli village, office of the Tahsildar, Sabbavaram Mandal, Visakhapatnam

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district by his above mentioned acts has exhibited lack of integrity, devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of member of service and thereby violated Rule 3(1) and (2) of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

The Government Servant Sri P.V.S.N. Murthy, S/o. Sri Venkata Subba Rao, while working as Village Revenue Office, Anthakapalli village, office of the Tahsildar, Sabbavaram Mandal, Visakhapatnam district has therefore rendered himself liable for departmental action for major penalty.

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ANNEXURE-III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI P.V.S.N. MURTHY, S/o. VENKATA SUBBA RAO, VILLAGE REVENUE OFFICER, ANTHAKAPALLI VILLAGE, O/o. TAHSILDAR, SABBAVARAM MANDAL VISAKHAPATNAM DISTRICT ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED

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1. Surprise check proceedings dated 24.01.2020 drafted in the office of the Tahsildar, Sabbavaram, Visakhapatnam.
2. A made up file relating to applications received by Tahsildar, Sabbavaram from 01.07.2019 to 23.01.2020, which were downloaded through dashboard containing 165 sheets.
3. Letter Rc.No.14/2019/SA dated 03.02.2020 of Tahsildar, Sabbavaram.
4. Letter Rc.No.1786/2020/SDT(I), dated.21.08.2020 of Revenue Divisional Officer, Visakhapatnam.
5. Letter Rc.No.1184/2020A1, dt.27.08.2020 of the District Collector, Visakhapatnam.
6. Letter Rc.No.1670/2020/G/Dt:31.08.2020 of Revenue Divisional Officer, Visakhapatnam along with copies of G.O.Ms.No.3 Dt.5.1.1990, G.O.Ms.No.20 Dt.21-01-2016 and G.O.Ms.No.415 of Revenue Department, Govt. of A.P.
7. Applications of Sri Gandi Maheswara Rao of Anthakapalli Village vide application No. RMU011902476124
8. Statement of Sri Gandi Maheswara Rao S/o China Satyam, 47 Yrs, R/o: D.No.3-48, Gallepalli Village, Anthakapalli (V),Sabbavaram(M), Visakhapatnam, District.(RA-1)
9. Applications of Sri Sabbavarapu Narasimha Murthy of Anthakapalli village vide application Nos.RMU011902389864 and NMU011903372057
10. Statement of Sri Sabararapu Narasimha Murthy S/o China Demudu, 52 Yrs, R/o: D.No.2-170, Anathakapalli (V), Sabbavaram (M), Visakhapatnam, District. (RA-2).
11. Statement of Sri Kodukotla Ramana s/o late Jogulu, 49 yrs., farmer, Gopalanagar, Sabbavaam, Visakhapatnam District. (WSC-6)
12. Any other document required to prove the charge.

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ANNEXURE-IV

LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHOM ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI P.V.S.N. MURTHY, S/o. VENKATA SUBBA RAO, VILLAGE REVENUE OFFICER, ANTHAKAPALLI VILLAGE, O/o. TAHSILDAR, SABBAVARAM MANDAL VISAKHAPATNAM DISTRICT ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED

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1) Sri Gongala Koteswara Rao, S/o. Late Srirama Chandra Murthy, Administrative Officer, O/o Dy. Transport Commissioner, Visakhapatnam R/o D.No.6-15-17/2, East Point Colony, Near Sai Baba Temple, China Waltair, Visakhapatnam.(Mediator-I)
2) Sri Vasapalli Dhanaraj, S/o. Late Nalayya, 43 yrs, Senior Assistant, O/o. Dy. Transport Commissioner, Visakhapatnam R/o D.No.44-31-86/52, Suribabu Nagar, Saligramapuram, Visakhapatnam. (Mediator-II)
3) Sri Patchipala Polaraju, S/o late Appa Rao, 45 Yrs, Deputy Tahsildar (Inam), O/o Revenue Divisional Officer, Visakhapatnam, R/o Flat No.104, 9th Block, Yeduvamsiayathanam apartment, Prasathinagar, Pendurthy, VSP (official witness)
4) Sri Kodukotla Ramana s/o late Jogulu, 49 yrs., farmer, Gopalanagar, Sabbavaam, Visakhapatnam District.
5) Gandi Maheswara Rao S/o China Satyam, 47 Yrs, R/o: D.No.3-48, Gallepalli Village, Anthakapalli (V), Sabbavaram (M), Visakhapatnam, District.
6) Sabararapu Narasimha Murthy S/o China Demudu, 52 Yrs, R/o: D.No.2-170, Anathakapalli (V), Sabbavaram (M), Visakhapatnam, District.
7) Sri K. Ranga Raju, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Anti Corruption Bureau, Visakhapatnam.
8) Sri S. Ramesh, Inspector of Police, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Visakhapatnam.
9) Any other witness required to prove the charge.

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